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For U.S. Patent No. 5,906,750

Serial No. 09/866,145

Filed May 25, 2001

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This amendment is a response to the Final Office Action of June 2, 2004.

Applicant would like to present this Amendment After Final as a corrected version of the Amendment After Final mailed on 7/03/04. Applicant made an error in presentation to the Examiner in said 7/03/04 Amendment After Final; said error Applicant would like to correct in this replacement Amendment After Final.

Specifically in the 7/03/04 Amendment After Final, Applicant referred to a WEFTEC paper dated 2000 in combination with a US EPA paper dated 1990 and a paper by Chitikela and Dentel dated 1996 being available to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of reduction to practice; this is when the reduction to practice would have been in 1996, 1997 or 1998. It is painfully obvious that a technical paper dated 2000 would not have been available in 1996, 1997 or in 1998. Therefore, Applicant has removed references to said 2000 WEFTEC paper throughout his arguments in relation to papers available at the time of reduction to practice.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner considering this Amendment instead of the one filed 7/03/04, due to the before mentioned error. Applicant apologizes for any inconvenience or extra time caused to the Examiner by the filing of this replacement Amendment After Final.



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